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SUBJ: DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING DECEMBER 7, 1973: AGENDA ITEM VIII

MBFR

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

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BEGIN SUMMARY: DURING DPC MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION OF MBFR, NETHERLANDS MOD CAUTIONED THAT EUROPEAN INTERGRATION SHOULD NOT BE HINDERED; NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN FLANK MODS SPOKE OF NEED TO PRESERVE UNDIMINISHED SECURITY FOR THEIR COUNTRIES; SECDEF CHARACTERIZED ALLIANCE MBFR PROCEEDINGS AS A MODEL FOR CONSULTATIONS AND ASSURED ALLIES THAT THEIR CONCERNS WILL BE CONSIDERED IN MBFR. END SUMMARY.

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1. SYG LUNS OPENED MBFR DISCUSSION AT DECEMBER 7 DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING BY REVIEWING STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA AND FUTURE WORK FOR NATO. HE EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE UNITY OF THE ALLIANCE WORK ON MBFR BOTH IN THE COUNCIL

AND IN VIENNA.

2. VREDELING (NETHERLANDS) STRESSED THAT MBFR MUST NOT HINDER EUROPEAN INTEGRATION. SPECIFICALLY, STABILIZING MEASURES, WHOSE MILITARY VALUE WAS NOT GREAT, MUST NOT BE PERMITTED TO CREATE PROBLEMS FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION.

3. FOSTERVOLL (NORWAY) NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE ALLIED POSITION ON MBFR CONSIDERED THE INTERESTS OF THE FLANKS. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT FLANK INTERESTS WOULD CONTINUE TO BE PROTECTED.

4. LATSODIS (GREECE) SAID THE THE SOVIET MBFR PROPOSAL INCREASED HIS COUNTRY'S CONCERNS OVER MBFR. HE URGED THAT NATO OBTAIN IN NEGOTIATIONS SPECIFIC MEASURES TO PROTECT THE SECURITY OF THE FLANKS.

5. SANCAR (TURKEY) CONCURRED. SPEAKING MORE GENERALLY, HE BELIEVED THE WARSAW PACT'S MBFR PROPOSAL DID NOT REDRESS THE BALANCE BUT SIMPLY DEEPENED DISPARITIES. HE SUGGESTED THAT NATO DEVELOP ARGUMENTS TO COUNTER THE PACT'S PROPOSAL AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS IN VIENNA WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO EAST-WEST DETENTE.

6. CHLESINGER (U.S.) EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE WAY MBFR DISCUSSIONS WERE PROCEEDING. HE CHARACTERIZED ALLIED WORK ON MBFR AS A MODEL FOR CONSULTATIONS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. REFERRING TO RECENT DISPUTES AMONG ALLIES OVER THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, HE NOTED THAT ALLIED WORK ON MBFR DURING THIS PERIOD HAD REPRESENTED "AN ISLAND OF STABILITY IN A SEA OF STORM." HE PLEDGED THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT ACCEPT ANY SOVIET PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD CRIPPLE LONG RUN PROSPECTS FOR EUROPEAN DEFENSE COOPERATION OR CREATE DISUNITY WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. RUMSFELD

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